



Long Beach Police Department

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Pharmacy Target Hardening

The following is a list of tips on how to increase security and guard against prescription drug theft.

- Do not discuss whether or not you have opiates in stock over the telephone.
- Never work alone in the pharmacy.
- Do not place bottles of controlled substances in plain sight.
- Ensure surveillance cameras are working, positioned correctly, and of high-quality resolution.
- Train your pharmacy staff to recognize the signs of drug addiction.

Ask questions if the prescription holder:

- is someone you do not know and is only filling a narcotic
- presents an address from outside the area or the doctor is unknown
- presents a prescription for brand name drugs, written DAW
- presents prescriptions for potentially harmful drug combinations
- presents a prescription for painkillers from a dentist for more than a few days or with refills

Additional security measures include:

- requiring a photo ID for all controlled substance prescriptions
- developing a system of “buzz words” with your staff to bring attention to a potential problem or crime
- refraining from obscuring your windows or doors with excessive signs or displays as a clear view into the store discourages robbery and burglary

Please call your local police department if you suspect fraud or drug diversion. The LBPD can be reached at 516-705-7300.

Referral List

Long Island Crisis Center
516-481-4000 (available 24/7)

New York State Office of Substance Abuse Services
877-8-HOPE-NY (available 24/7)

Long Beach Medical Center Detox
516-897-1671

Long Beach Reach
516-889-2332

NUMC Detox Center
516-572-6394

Long Beach Methadone Clinic
516-897-1330